James River landings, merchandise and par sengers, Virginia Navigation Co. SAILED Steamer Brandon, Rhodes, Norfolk, mer chandise and passengers, Old Dominion line.

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, MARCH 24, 1904.

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ARRIVED.
Steamer Barcelona, Humberg,
Steamer Royal Exchange, Philadelphia,
Schooner Thomas W. Lawson, Boston,
Schooner J. F. Potter, Boston,
Schooner Elizabeth Palmer, Boston,
Barge Clenfuegos, Boston,
Barge Annie, Providence,
SAILED.

Louisville and St. Paul.

A year or so ago Messrs. Scott and

Stringfellow, of this city, made an in-

teresting comparison between the earn-ings of Louisville and Nasaville and St.

Taul. They have receivily issued enother circular to the same effect, showing that the net earnings of St. Paul for the fiscal year onling June 30, 403, amounted to \$13,453,000, being 1270 per

amounted to \$13,463,000, neutry 12 of per-cent, on its stock outstanding; whereas the net earnings of Louisvilla and Nash-ville for the same period-water \$2,55,000, bring 15.60 per col. (cl. its stock out-standing. In other words, as incling this statement, Louisville is earning 20 jer cent, more on its stock than 5t. Faul.

complete Its. is glas furnished of the treasury assets of the two corporations, and the comparisons are summed up as

Its maintenance accounts show

more money proportionately on its road-bed and equipment than the St. Paul.

th. St. Paul's treasury assets are only 19 per cent. of its \$105,908,300 preferred and common stock.

The loose sales on the local tobacco market have fallen off greatly, and they will centinue to decline until the receipts stop entirely. The wagon trade is about over, and such tobacco as is on the breaks now is mestly shipped stuff. The prices continue very good.

Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, March 24.—Waldorf,
G. Leigh, Jr., and wife, J. M. Lont
Hoffman, G. Cooper; Astor, L. L. We
Ffolland, R. L. Henry, E. A. Mason,
Whitaker, F. M. Whitaker; York, J.
Curtis.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS. Messrs, L. M. Atkins and P. M. Houston,

ion at the home of her brother, S. T. Gary, in the Avènue.
Rev. J. O. Babcock, the former paster of airmount Methodist Church, was the guest f Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pendleton yesterday, ir, Babcock was on his way to the Epwardengue Convention being held in Petersburg, 8.

Na.

Mr. Willie Jones was successfully openhed on at the Retrent Tuesday for the removal of a growth in the head back of the eye.

Fairmount Epworth League has elected the following delegates to attend the convention in Petersburg: W. W. Pehilleton, Misses Mattle Parrish, Maudo McKenzlo and Mercy Lane, John Richardson hay returned to Hinton, W. Va.

Curtis.

Steamer Dortmund, Hamburg, Steamer Nymphala, New Castle, Schooner Major Pickands, Boston Barge Kentucky, Providence.

LITTLE DOING IN STOCKS

Realizing of the Short Interest of Past Days Left Little Activity.

DOWNWARD TENDENCY

Sudden Lurch in Stocks That Were Over-Stimulated and Forced to the Front.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 24 .- A much smallamount of business was transacted in the stock market to-day than on the preceding days, and the market showed the effect of the extensive realizing which had been effected on those days. and the elimination of a large portion of the short interest from the market. There was no evidence of the large operations powerful forces, which kept the marstimulated yesterday and the day Several stocks were nushed up at differ-

ent times, as though to sustain the mar-ket. Among these were Amalgamated Copper, Brooklyn Transit and Eric. But the thing was not sufficient to offset the continued realizing in the stocks related to U. the Northern Securities marger. The con-tinued activity in the curb market for Northern Pacific and Great Northern pre-Northern Pacific and Great Northern pre-ferred carried them sharply downwards and confirmed the Suppleion with which the previous rise is regarded. Great Northern preferred on the Exchange dropped over 7 points, leaving a wide greach in the valuation placed on the stock for purposes of distribution of Northern Securities assets. Further rains in the winter wheat belt were of no help to stocks in face of the file in the price of wheat futures. Con-ditions still further approach the gold export point without affecting the money market.

orket.

Southern Railway's funding of \$15,00,00
obligations into five-year bonds hurt
stock. The weight of realizing upon
whole market gained force and cardit down to the lowest at the closing,
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ilch was weak. The bond market was regular and not active. Total sales, par value, 11,910,-United States threes, coupon, advanced less per cent, on call.

Total sales were 630,500 shares.

Cotton futures opened firm and close steady.

Open. High. Law. Close

NEW YORK, March 24.—Close: Money on call steady, 1-2 to 1-3-4; closing bld 1-2; offered at 1-3-4. Time foins casy; sixty days 3 per cent; ninety days 3: 02-1:2; six months 3-3-4 to 4. Prime mersantile paper 4-1-2 th 5. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers bills at 34.57.15 to 34.57.29 for demand and 21-34.34.49 to 34.84.45 for sky day bills. Posted rates 34.55 and 34.58 Commercial bills 4.84, 1-8 to 34.84 1-4. Bar silver 56; Mexican dollars 44-1.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., March 24, 1904. SALES. Carolina Chemical Co. preferred-5

STATE SECURITIES. CITY SECURITIES. Schmond City 4s; R., 1929-1930 1931; 195 RAILHOAD BONDS.

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orfolk and Western com 199
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sepboard Air Line pfd 199
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seuboard Air Line com 199
BANK AND TRUST CO STOCKS.

National Bank of Virginia...... Savings Bank of Richmond..... MiscEllaneous.

BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET, BALTIMORE MD. March 24.—Seaboard Al Line common, preferred and 4s.—Nothing doing Atlantic Coast Line common, 1976/19715.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 6411 points under covering and room buying as a result of very tirm cables, the outsolk for light receipts of the desired of the des pened steady at an advance of 6914 points un-

THUMAS BRANCH & CO

(ESTABLISHED 1833.)

MEMBERS

New York Stock Exchange, Kew York Cotton Exchange.

PRIVATE WIRES TO

...... Official Range and Sale of Stocks in New York

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CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

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Bureau report at noon to-morrow as an aid in driving the short interest believed to be out-standing to cover

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Receipts at the ports to-day were \$.15 bales ngainst 12,507 last week and 12,014 last year. For the week 09,009 bales against 64.6% last week and \$3,549 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orloans were 4,600 bales against 4,56 last year, and at Houston 1,328 bales against 107 last year.

steady.	Open.	High.	LAW.	Clos.
March		13.91	13.91	13,86
		13.98	13.79	13.80
		14.27	13.86	14.06
		14.05	14.05	14.00
		14.46	14.01	14.25
		13.86	13.45	13.71
		12.60	12.40	12.41
October	11.73	11.79	11.51	11.70
		11.67	11.60	11.56
December	11.59	11.69	11.40	11.55
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Cotton, steads; middling, 14.50; gross receipts, 155 bales; sales, 860 bales. Total to-day at all seaports—Net receipts, 115 bales; export to Grea (Britain, 675 bales) of the Continent, 1,572 bales; stock, 65.50

to the Continent, 2,315,573 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 24.—COTTON—Spot cotton was not in such active demand as it was yesterday.

Putures opened steady and from 5 points higher to 12 points lower. The trading was wholly of a professional breaks and bulges occurred every few minutes whenever a small bunch or selling orders was thrown on the mariet. As has been the case there were not been such as the continent bulls offer to itself. The uncertainty over the Census Bureau report, which will be issued at noon to-morrow. Washington time, has caused a halt in the trading May first lost 5 points from yesteriay's close at 1405, advanced to 11.15, declined to 11.25, advanced to 11.15, declined to 11.25, advanced to 11.15, declined to 11.15, advanced to 11.15, devinced to 11.15, declined to 11.15, advanced to 11.15, advanc points, Cotton futures steady: March, 13.55[13.90; April, 13.576[14.00; Max, 14.176[14.18; June, 14.386] 14.28; July, 15.567[14.57; August, 13.856[13.89; September, 12.322[12.34; October, 11.57@1.55; November, 14.32[11.45]

PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 24.—F12-UR.—Dull. Rye Flour—Quiet. Barchwheat. Flour—Nominat. Compared to the state of th

firm: redued, firm. Rice-Firm. Molasses-Firm.

Butter-Firm; extra fresh creamery, 24924;c.,
State dairy, 15@21c. Cheese-Steady; State, full
cream, fancy small, colored. Schlember, 12c.
small white. September, 12c. Eggs-Strong
State and Pennsylvania, nearby, average fluest,
171cc.

174cc.
Folkhoes-Firm; Long Island, \$392.57; Jersey, 81.87e3.12; State and Western, Sucks, 22.709; 2.80; Jorsey sweets, \$1.009.4.25. Polantiz-Steady; faney handpicked, 556.5; other domestic, 54676.5; Calances-Firm; domestic prion, \$25955.60; Florida, per barref, crate, \$369.2.5. Cotton-fly steam to Liverpool, 16c.

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PRINCIPAL MARKETS,

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packed, 13c. : Eggs-Steady' and unchanged at 16c. Sugar-Strong and unchanged.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET. Richmond, Va., March 21, 1904. QUOTATIONS. Longberry (car lots)......\$1.03 @\$1.05

Shortberry (car lots)	1.03	60	1.05	
No. 2 red (car lots)	1.03	60	1,05	
Va. bag lots	93	61	1.00	
	Correct Control		DESCRIPTION OF	
CORN-		Series .	MARK	
White (Va. bag lots)	54		155	
No. 2 white (car lots)	54	60	55	
No. 3 white (car lots)	521	500	.63	
No. 2 mixed (car lots)		500		
No. 3 mixed (car lots)		420	52	
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OATS-	6 E 7/1	WIN	11/02	
No. 2 mixed (car lots)		500	45	
No. 3 mixed (ar lots)		10	41	
No. 2 white (car lots)	454	-12	46	
Winter seed (bag lots)	60	60	60	
Ear corn (car lots) 70 lbs	50	60	55	ä
RYE (bag lots)	75	40	80	
Trip fore tarel	Eran-1	15.50	Contract of	

CATTLE MARKETS.

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RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.

(Sales at Union Stock Yards.)

Hichmond, Ya., March 24, 1904.

Receipts for the week ending Monday:
CATTLE-Receipts, 154 head. Market fair.
Best steers, 5254c; medium to good, 447bc;
common to fair, 35464c; best heffers, 5445c;
common to fair, 5466; quarantine cattle, 3744c;
ligostock best heffers, 5466; quarantine cattle, 3744c;
ligostock best heffers, 5466; quarantine cattle, 3744c;
ligostock best heffers, 5466; common to fair, 4645c; backs, 375644;c.

Prospects fair for all kinds of stock.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 21.—CATTLE—Recipts, 7,590 head. Market steady to strong. Good to prime steers, \$5,299.575; poor to including, \$3,999.60; stockers and feeders, \$2,759.4.59; cows. \$1,7591.55; helfers, \$2,859.4.76; comers, \$1,7592.56; bulls, \$29,100; culves, \$356.75; Texas-fed steers, \$162.59. Hogs-Reccipts today, 17,090 head; to-noprow, \$0,000 head; market, \$6,996. higher, Mixed and butchers, \$5,996. 5,259; good to enoide heavy, \$3,593.65; routes, \$5,996.85. Sheep.—Recipts, \$600.85; higher, \$1,596.45; higher, \$1,596.4

NEW YORK, March %—BEEVES—Receipts, none. Dressed beef unchanged at 6%,98% Calves—Receipts, 591 head. Trade slow and prices barely steady. Veals, \$197.00 tops, \$8. City dressed veals, steady at 5%,97.00 tops, \$8. Pound. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 5.5% head; no trading in sheep; market about steady. Prime and choice lambs, steady; others, \$6.00 km, \$1.00 km

BALTIMORE, MD., March 24.—BEEF CAT-TLE—Quotations were as follows: Young steers, weighing 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, 3½@4c, per pound; steers, weighing 300 pounds and under, 3@3½c,; oxen, per pound, 2½@3c; bulls, per pound, 2%%c; large young milen cows, in good dyder, per head, \$25@30; fair, \$16@25c. common and thin, 31@92.0c. Calves—The receipts were moderate and prices were steady. The quotations were as follows: Choice light yeals, per pound, 6c.; fair to medium, \$1.40 years, and Lambs—Quotations were as follows: Choice light yeals, per pound, 6c.; fair to medium, \$1.40 years, and Lambs—Quotations were as follows: Choice fair lambs—quotations were fair fat lambs, per pound, 6664c; poor to Ulin, 16655c; sheep, per pound, 1664c; poor to Ulin, 16655c; sheep, per pound, lost, 26345c; good, per head, \$2.063.00; inferior, \$1.2642.00; old bucks, per pound, 273c. Dressed Hogs—The rerecepts are steadily falling off, but choice stock is always wanted. Prices were firm, as follows: Choice light weights, per pound, 666c; medium weights, \$52452c; heavy weights, \$654c.

CINCINNATI, O., March 24.—HOGS—Active and higher at \$4.2565.75. Cattle—Dull and easy at \$2.2564.75. Sheep—Steady at \$394.50. Lambs—Steady at \$4.7066.25.

UNION STOCK YARDS, PITTSBURG, P.A., March 24.—CATTLE—Supply light: market steady, Choice, 3505, 29; prinn, \$1.56(1.59); folia, \$2.96(1.18); folia, \$1.56(1.59); folia, \$3.96(1.18); folia, \$1.56(1.59); folia,

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FOR SCHOLARSHIPS Dr. Parkin Arrives in New York

BRINGS THE PAPERS

With Examination Papers for Cecil Rhodes Scholarship.

Dr. George R. Parkin, of Oxford Unithe examination papers for the ninetysix Cecil Rhodes Canadian and American free scholarships at Oxford. The huge envelope was wound with yards of red tape and scaled with great blotches of scaling wax. The customs officials wanted the envelope opened. Dr. Parkin refused to allow the seals to be proken, asserting that the examination would be serting that the examination would be worthless if the contents of the papers were disclosed at this time. The examinations are to begin on April 13th.

Because of Dr. Parkin's representations the customs oficials decided not to break the envelope, but to hold it, pending a decision from Washington. The men iclegraphed to the Secretary of the Treasury asking an immediate decision. When Dr. Parkin's identity had been proved to the satisfaction of the Treasury Department and the contents of the envelope satisfactorily explained, the envelope satisfactorily explained, the envelope was ordered returned to Dr. Parkin intact.

The Tribune of yesterday, after telling these facts, continues:

these facts, continues:
Dr. Parkin said there were ninetysix scholarships to be deviated in
America and Canada. The preliminary
examinations would be held on April
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examinations would be held on April 13th simultaneously in all the States and privinces.

"The examinations," he said. "are similar to those that are required at Harvard, with the exception that Oxford demands a gnowledge of Grock. If an American wishes a technical education he should not try to go to Oxford, for there are schools in this country much more suitable for his purpose. The three chief requisites to gain admission to Oxford are intellectual and athletic ability and force of character. For the last three conturies Oxford has been turning out with the regularity of clockwork the statesmen of Europe. She wants young men of promise, of pwer, of culture, manilness and character.

"Her graduates do not have a professional, but a classical training, such as all our great men have received. Longfellow, Hay and President Ellot, men with a classical education, are just as important as Rockefeller and Carnegle, A university that can produce men such as Hay and Roosevelt should be proud of its work. America is now a world power, and she needs men with the world knowledge that Oxford can give them. An Oxford student gains an education that enables him to stank unushamed with the greatest statesmen.

"The men chosen from this country will so to the university paxt year. They will receive a scholarship of \$1500 a year and will have at least \$500 left over above all their expenses, which can best be used for a tour on the continent.

will receive a scholarship of \$1,500 at year and will have at least \$500 left over above all their expenses, which can best be used for a tour on the continent.

"Ceel Rhodes's one romance was his stay at Oxford. He went there after working for some years in South Africa, and when he left it he said that he might not have learned much, but he had read 'Aristotle.' He took from 'Adistotle the precept on which he modeled his life—that the greatest happiness came from the constant pursuit of a great purpose. Ceell Rhodes worried all his life to promote the peace of the world, and he founded this scholarship, the greatest in the history of the world, that his work might not stop with his death. Canada has found it advantageous to have a constant stream of young men passing between her and England, and the United States will find this to be to ber advantage also."

A WATER TRIP BACK.

Those Going to Launching May Return by Steamer. .

Return by Steamer.

The Virginia Navigation Company has arranged for the steamer Pocahontas to be used in carrying excursionists from the Newport News wharf to the scene or the launching, the passengers witnessing the launching from the deck of the steamer and then being put ashore at the ship-yard wharf. A charge of fifty cents will be made for the trip and the privilege of seeing the launching from the water side. In accordance with this plan, the Pocahontas will on April 5th, leave Newport News from the ship-yards about 2 P. M, on its trip to Richmond, giving excursionists who go to Newport News over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway an opportunity to return Newport News over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway an opportunity to return via steamer, passing Jamestown, Westover, Brandon, Shirley and other colonial homes and points of historic interest on the river. The boat will arrive at acchmond about 9 P. M. The Virginia Navigation Company will make a rate of one dollar from Newport News to Richmond for the benefit of excursionists desiring to return by boat.

Among the organizations going down from this city to Newport News April

Among the organizations going down from this city to Nowport News April I'th to attend the launching are the battailion of the Richmond Light Infantry Blucs and Company B. of the Seventieth Regiment. It is considered probable that the Howitzer Battery and one or more other commands of the regiment will make the trip, but no final announcement on that point has been made.

Mr. O. M. Brown, traveling agent of Mr. O. Al, Brown, travening agent of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, with hendquarters at Philaceiphia, ar-rived in the city yesterday and visited the local passenger offices of the Nor-folk and Western and Const Line.

The Southern Railway has again won a notable victory in having incorporated in the postoffice appropriation bill an item giving the railway \$142,000 for operating a fast mail route from New York to New Orleans via Atlanta. The Southern has been operating this fast mail train on its main line for some years, but a fight has been made against it, presumably by representatives of other railways and persons opposed to the subsidy system. This means the continuance of those trains for two years more at least.

Conductor A. T. Atwell, of the South-ern Railway, who was laid off after the cellision of passenger trains at Keys-villo last year, has been restored to duty, along with the others of the crew of the train which ran into the Keys-ville, local. villa local.

Traveling Freight Agent J. A. Hall, of Union Pacific, located at Philadelphia, was in the city yesterday.

Chief Dispatcher J. H. Witt, of the Sea-board Air Line, has gone to Florida for a brief visit.

Anniversary of Shockoe To-night.

Shockoe Council of Royal Arcanum will celebrate her mneteenth anniversary to night at the Masonic Temple. One of the features of the banquet will be the 191-tlatton of a class of lifteen by the new degree team, and a new ceremony will be used. After the business session the members will adjourn to the banquet half to partike of a bone and a bunch of rags. A number of the grand officers will be present, and the members are miged to assemble early. The meeting is the tird stated meeting and delegates to the Grand Council will be elected. It is very likely that the council will nave an additional representative at this session, as the membership is rapidly approaching the 70 mark.

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LAND GRABBERS TRY FOR CHURCH LOTS

File Applications for Property Which Turns Out to be a Methodist Church.

A situation that is strikingly interesting A situation that is strikingly interesting and even unique without being in the slightest degree important has developed in Henrico through the extraordinary zeal of the landgrabbers to become possessed of every piece of delinquent land in the county. The situation involves a Methodist house of worship in the meshes of the land-grabbing drag not and exposes a condition of things that is more ludierous than anything else.

In the year 1892 the Highland Park Land Company conveyed to M. F. Bur-

In the year 1892 the Highland Park Land Company conveyed to M. F. Burton, A. R. Scott and others, trustees of the Highland Park Methodist Church, two lots of land, known as lots 1 and 2, square 3. The consideration was a nominal one. The law of the State exempts churches and church property from taxation, but in the year 1895 there was a reassessment of property in Henrico and the commissioners, by a curious mistake, overlooked the fact that the two lots had been transferred to the congregation, listed them in the name of the Highland Park Company and levied the usual tax. By a mistake equally or more curious the company forgot that it had sold the property and paid the tax for sold the property and paid the tax for that year and each year succeeding up to 1905, with the exception of 1900, which was overlooked. All of the time, be it understood, the land was not the property of the company at all, but belonged to the church and was county.

understood, the land was not the property of the company at all, but belonged to the church and was exempt.

The land book searchers discovered the delinquency in the name of the Highland Park Company and promptly filed an application for lots 1 and 2, square 3. Then it was discovered that a church ballding stood on the property. There was a sit up among the congregation, and a meeting of the church wardens was held. Deeds and records were examined and the land-grabbers were interviewed with the result that they agreed to drop the matter at once. This is a necessary conclusion since they have absolutely no claim upon the land. Under the law the property is exempt from taxation, and so far from being delinquent, eight years of taxes that were not due have been paid upon it.

The interesting question now is not whether the county will collect the alleged delinquency for 1900, but whether or not it will refund to the Highland Park Land Company an aggregate of the sums paid in taxes since 1895.

sums paid in taxes since 1895 The land-grabbing operations are con

The land-grationing operations are con-stantly developing stuations of interest. The publication of the manipulations of those who are searching the books for de-linquencies has attracted wheepread at-tention and letters are coming into the treasurer's office from owners of Henrico property who now live in different cities of the State.

BURN QUARANTINE.

Citizens Made to Tell Where They Get Their Liquor.

a called meeting of the Board of Againmen.

A strange investigation has been going
on here within the past few days, looking
into the existence of "blind tigers." Instead of indicting persons charged with
selling liquor, the authorities hauled up
reputable citizens and asked them where
they buy their liquor, thus placing them
between the alternatives of going to full
for contempt of court or of playing the
despicable part of on informer. This proceeding is under 1050 section of the Code,
and is doubtless legal, but many leading
citizens regard it as an offensive inquisition and resent it deeply.

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de road." The latter day method is an improvement on this: "You fellows make enough out of your blockading to afford to lose a still and a little of the product; then get out of the way; send us word, and we'll come some night and cut the de-d thing up." Is said to be the present statute. And the moonshiner buys him another outfit, hies himself to another branch, and anonymously pursues his favorite occupation. But the Federal Court docket is wonderfully relieved, and revenue officers are kept busy cutting up stills and carning their salaries.

HEAVY DAMAGE SUIT. AGAINST LOCOMOBILE CO.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 24. The Casper Company, wholesale liquor dealers through its counsel to-day instituted a \$10,000 libel suit against the Lecomobile Company of America, of New York. York. The suit grows out of an at-diavit filed in a suit in favor of the Click-Rierson Company, of this city, against the Automobile Company. No-tice of the suit for libel was served this afternoon on Mr. Kein, agent of the Au-tomobile Company, who is in the city.

They Get Their Liquor.

(Special to The -times-Dispatch.)

FAYETTIEVILLE, N. C., March 24.—
The people in the upper part of the Third Ward of the city looked on in amazement yesterday when a detail of the Fire Department, under command of Assistant Fire Chief Pool, whose mission it is to save, sot fire to and destroyed a building on Winston Street. This was done by advice of the Board of Health and by the orders of the municipal fire committee, the structure having been used as a quaranthe station against smallpox.

Congressman G. B. Patterson has notified the Chamber of Commerce that be has arranged for a hearing to fits committee before the congressional Committee on Public Buildings on Friday, April 1st, in regard to a public building for Fayetteville, to cost \$60,000.

Mr. G. A. Holderness, of Tarboro, general manager of the Carolina Telegraph and Telephonic Company, is here to investigate the complaints of inefficient service in the telephone exchange, and this evening he will have a hearing before a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

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FINCH TO ANSWER.

Will Appear Before Judge Clarke in the Receivership Matter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch).

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
RALEIGH. N. C., March 24.—W. C. Maxwell, counsel for K. S. Finch, of New York, arrived from Charlotte to-day and notified Chief Justice Clark and Governer Aycock that Finch will go before Judge Clarks to-morrow probably at noon to answer the bench warrant issued for him in connection with the legal fight over the receivership for the Atlantic and North Carolina Raifroad, Finch is to arrive to-morrow morning.

In letters to the Chief Justice and the Governor he declares he has intended no violation of law, and believes none has been committed. The similar case against Captain MeBee, in which he was bound over in \$2,900 bond, was docketed in Wake Court to-day, being certified to the clerk from the Supreme Court.

Congressional Fight

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., March 24.—Reports received to-night from the Republican congressional primaries held throughout Rowan county to-day indicate a close vote between Hom. A. H. Price, assistant district attorney, of this city, and ex-Cohgressman Spencer Blackburn. It is stated the latter has carried about half the voting precincts, while Captain Price's friends are resolute and will make a desperate effort to carry the county convention Saturday. Ex-Congressman R. Z. Linny is not in the fight.

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